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Sir:

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Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,725,111 (Weitzen et al.). The International Search Report cited Weitzen et al. as being technological background (Category A), cited column 1, line 61, to column 2, line 7, of Weitzen et al. as being

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